# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
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INCLUSION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN UNION LIST
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to include tourism industry in the Union List of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the crisis of existence has been arisen before the tourism industry due to heavy taxation and complicated licensing procedure; and

(d) if so, the step being taken by the Government to safe guard the interest of this industry?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE: (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) and (b): There is no proposal to include tourism industry in the Union List of theConstitution. However, the issue of bringing Tourism to the Concurrent List has been under discussion with the States/Union Territories and concerned Ministries of the Central Government.

(c ) and (d): There is no crisis of existence of tourism industry due to taxation and complicated licensing procedure. The tourism industry has been granted Export House Status and is entitled to such benefits as specified in Chapter 12 of the Hand Book of Procedures (Volume I) issued by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.The matter regarding the rationalisation of tax structure has also been taken up by the Central Government with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in various fora such as State Tourism Ministers Conference, State Tourism Secretaries Conference andmeetings of Transport Development Council of the Ministry of Surface Transport.